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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL RELEASES RESULTS FROM HOLIDAY ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN

~ Patrol arrests more than 500 motorists for impaired driving ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. –The Florida Highway Patrol today announced the preliminary enforcement results from the Patrol's participation in the nationwide *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign. During the 18-day period, the Patrol beefed up its force to heighten enforcement, with emphasis on getting impaired drivers off Florida's roadways.

Troopers issued more than 35,000 traffic citations and made 505 arrests for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol or drugs. They cited nearly 13,000 drivers for speeding, and citations for failure to buckle up topped 2,900.

Law enforcement agencies across the state reported a total of 111 people died in traffic crashes during the 2.5-week campaign.

The members of the Florida Highway Patrol remind everyone that the law requires drivers to move over one lane or slow down to 20 miles per hour below the speed limit when approaching any authorized emergency vehicle or wrecker displaying rotating or flashing lights stopped on the side of a roadway. Also, motorists should remember that *FHP (*347) dialed from a cellphone contacts FHP when they need to report an aggressive driver or require roadside assistance.

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over is a deterrence program organized by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness. For more information on the campaign, visit www.Stopimpaireddriving.org.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov or follow us on Twitter @[FDHSMV](https://twitter.com/FDHSMV). You can find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FDHSMV), too.

Preliminary Enforcement Results:

Dec. 16, 2011 – Jan. 2, 2012

Total Citations = 35,717

DUI Arrests = 505

Speeding Citations = 12,860

Safety Belt Citations = 2,901

Motorist Assists = 11,236

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